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## 2017 POULTRY PRODUCTION AND VALUE

**Charleston, West Virginia** – The **combined value of production and value of sales** from broilers, turkeys, eggs, and the value of sales from chickens in 2017, was \$305.5 million, down 4 percent from the combined value of \$317.8 million in 2016. Of the combined total, 60 percent was from broilers, 23 percent from turkeys, 16 percent from eggs, and less than 1 percent from sales of chickens.

There were 86.1 million **broilers produced** in West Virginia during 2017, down 5 percent from the number of 90.3 million broilers produced in 2016. Total live weight was 335.8 million pounds, down from 352.2 million pounds in 2016. Value of production totaled \$182.7 million, up 9 percent from the 2016 value of \$168.4 million. The average live weight equivalent price of 54.4 cents per pound is up from the 2016 average live weight equivalent price of 47.8 cents per pound. Equivalent price is for the commercial producer, not contractees.

**Turkeys raised** in West Virginia totaled 3.7 million, unchanged from the 2016 total. Total live weight was 111.0 million pounds, unchanged from 2016. Value of production totaled \$71.7 million, down 22 percent from the 2016 value of production of \$91.7 million. The average live weight equivalent price was 64.6 cents per pound, down 18 cents per pound from the 2016 price of 82.6 cents.

The **number of chickens sold** for slaughter (excluding broilers) totaled 1.67 million head, up 1 percent from the 2016 total of 1.65 million head sold. The number of pounds sold was 13.1 million pounds, down 1 percent from the 2016 number of 13.2 million pounds sold. Value of sales totaled \$968.7 thousand, down from \$1.83 million in 2016. Prices averaged 7.4 cents per pound, down from the 2016 price of 13.9 cents per pound.

**Egg production** in West Virginia totaled 273.1 million eggs during 2017, down 5 percent from the 2016 production of 287.1 million eggs. The average price per dozen was 220.2 cents, down from the 2016 average price per dozen of 233.6 cents. The total value of production was \$50.1 million, down 10 percent from the 2016 total of \$55.9 million. Most eggs produced in West Virginia are hatching eggs for broilers, not for table egg consumption.

**United States** – The **combined value of production** from broilers, eggs, turkeys, and the value of sales from chickens in 2017 was \$42.7 billion, up 10 percent from \$38.7 billion in 2016. Of the combined total, 71 percent was from broilers, 18 percent from eggs, 11 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from chickens.

**The value of broilers produced** during 2017 was \$30.2 billion, up 17 percent from 2016. The total number of broilers produced in 2017 was 8.91 billion, up 2 percent from 2016. The total amount of live weight broilers produced in 2017 was 55.6 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2016.

**The value of turkeys produced** during 2017 was \$4.84 billion, down 22 percent from the \$6.18 billion the previous year. The total number of turkeys raised in 2017 was 243 million, down 1 percent from 2016. Turkey production in 2017 totaled 7.49 billion pounds, up slightly from the 7.49 billion pounds produced in 2016.

**The value of sales from chickens** (excluding broilers) in 2017 was \$46.7 million, down 47 percent from \$87.4 million a year ago. The number of chickens sold in 2017 totaled 188 million, down 10 percent from the total sold during the previous year.

**Value of all egg production** in 2017 was \$7.55 billion, up 16 percent from \$6.51 billion in 2016. Egg production totaled 106 billion eggs, up 4 percent from 102 billion eggs produced in 2016.